

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Application of
Minnegasco, a Division of Arkla, Inc., for
Authority to Increase its Rates for Natural Gas
Service in Minnesota

ISSUE DATE: December 2, 1994

DOCKET NO. G-008/GR-93-1090

ORDER GRANTING RECONSIDERATION

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On October 24, 1994, the Commission issued its FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER in the above-captioned matter. In that Order, the Commission found that Minnegasco is entitled to increased annual Minnesota jurisdictional revenues of \$8,086,000 from Minnesota retail customers. The Commission also made numerous findings regarding the Company's rate base, operating income, rate of return, rate design, and other issues.

On November 14, 1994, the Commission has received a timely filed petition for reconsideration of this Order from the Residential Utilities Division of the Office of the Attorney General (RUD-OAG).

On December 1, 1994, the matter came before the Commission for consideration.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

This is the second petition for reconsideration received in this matter. The first was filed by Minnegasco and granted by the Commission in an Order dated November 17, 1994. The current petition will also be granted.

Under Minn. Stat. § 216B.27, subd. 4 (1990), any petition for reconsideration or application for rehearing not granted within 20 days of filing is deemed denied. The Commission finds that adequate review of the RUD-OAG's petition for reconsideration will require more than 20 days. The Commission will therefore grant the petition, as it granted Minnegasco's earlier petition, for purposes of tolling the statute and allowing an opportunity for meaningful review. This Order, of course, makes no determination regarding the merit of the RUD-OAG petition.

Deliberations on the merits of both petitions will be scheduled at a later date.

ORDER

1. The Commission grants the petition of the RUD-OAG for reconsideration and rehearing of the Commission's October 24, 1994 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in this docket.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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